

### **SolarMax Energy Systems**

# Does a solar tracking system require a PLC





#### **Overview**

How does a solar tracking system work?

The designed tracking system consists of four sensors (LDR) and a programmable logic controller (PLC) which controls two DC servomotors with control software designed for this purpose to move the system panel according to the information from the input sensors, keeping the panel always perpendicular to sun rays.

Can a PLC measure solar energy?

A PLC type s7-200 from Siemens, a Human Machine Interface (HMI), an analog extension module (EM), a temperature sensor type Pt100 and an inexpensive system for measuring solar radiation and applications of solar energy [8, 9,10] were used in this simulation.

Why should you use Siemens plc for automatic solar tracking?

CPU and the programming tools allow users to design autonomous industrial processes and solve automation problems. Based on this specific application and its user-friendly programming tool and troubleshooting solutions, Siemens' PLC hardware and software were found to be the right fit for the automatic solar tracking application in this project.

How accurate is solar tracking?

When in range, the system has a tracking accuracy of  $\pm 1^{\circ}$ . Data analysis from research shows that even a single axis three-position system can increase efficiency and make solar tracking a worthwhile endeavour. Automated tracking, Linear motors, PLC, Solar tracking, Solar panels.

How to choose a solar tracker?

You need to consider factors like climate, space, and shading before deciding on solar tracking. These tracking systems offer the most benefits in locations with high latitudes due to the sun's yearly movements. In conclusion,



positioning a solar tracker directs the solar panels at an angle toward the sun.

What are the applications of solar tracking system?

The main application of solar tracking system is to position solar photovoltaic (PV) panels towards the Sun. Most commonly they are used with mirrors to redirect sunlight on the panels. Cross-Reference: Design and Implementation of High Efficiency Tracking System



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# PLC BASED SOLAR TRACKING SYSTEM

The target of this project was to establish a solar tracking system with programmable logic controller as its controlling unit. More specifically this project concerned the programming of ...

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### Dual Axis Solar Tracking System Basics: Dual Axis ...

A dual-axis solar tracking system has motors to rotate the solar panels around vertical and horizontal axes, allowing them to follow the sun's ...



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### Solar Tracking System: Working, Types, Pros, and Cons

Other elements include PV cells, PLC, signal processing units, sensors, electromagnetic, and mechanical motion control modules, along with ...

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### **Design and Implementation of**



### a Two Axis Solar Tracking System Using PLC

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Other elements include PV cells, PLC, signal processing units, sensors, electromagnetic, and mechanical motion control modules, along with power supply systems. ...

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# 7 Things to Know About PLCs for Solar PV Projects

We typically recommend using a dedicated hardware PLC like the GE, Ovation or Allen-Bradley when an RTAC doesn't completely fill the advanced control requirements, or when you need



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Design and Implementation of a Two Axis Solar ...





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# Two axes sun tracking system with PLC control

Single axis tracking systems are considerably cheaper and easier to construct, but their efficiency is lower than that of two axes sun tracking systems. On the other hand, some ...



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# Dual Axis Solar tracking System using PLC

Precise control of the stepper motors is possible by using the PLC. By giving a suitable delay between each step, the time for rotation of the solar panel to a particular position can also be ...

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### Automatic Solar Tracking System Using Siemens PLC

This research paper presents the design, implementation, and performance evaluation of a single-axis solar tracking



system (SASTS) employing Siemens programmable ...

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## Advantages and disadvantages of automatic solar ...

Benefits: The benefits of solar tracker are provided below:. Solar tracking systems are utilized to continually orient photovoltaic panels to the ...

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The PLC AC500 guarantees that the requirements of your automation technology are met despite everchanging conditions and regardless of the location and of the solar-tracking concepts used

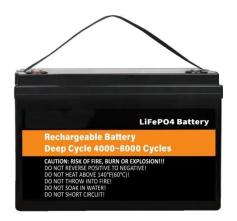


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## AUTOMATIC SOLAR TRACKING SYSTEM USING PLC & SCADA

The controller used is Programmable Logic Controller (PLC). Speed and direction of the motor is controlled by





the V/f Drive. The tacking is done by programmed Time-Delayed ...

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### Design of Single Axis Solar Tracking System Using PLC

The objective of this paper is to develop an automatic solar tracking system where solar panels will keep aligned with the Sunlight in order to maximize in harvesting solar power.



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# Solar tracking control system based on PLC

inverter for the photovoltaic systems tracking system was used, 220V (AC) could be taken directly from the photovoltaic inverter power. Fig. 4: Power Supply Unit PLC control and monitoring ...

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# Review on sun tracking technology in solar PV system

This paper begins with a brief introduction to the solar PV cells and the



materials used in their construction. It also discusses the types of solar PV systems and types of solar ...

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#### Solar Tracking System using Delta PLC

The PLC control statements were the important constituent of the entire solar panel tracking system, and the software programming was done using ladder logic coding and was written in ...

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### What is a solar tracker? Advantages and disadvantages

A photovoltaic solar tracker is a mechanical device to rotate PV panels to achieve an optimal angle concerning the sun's rays. The greater the ...

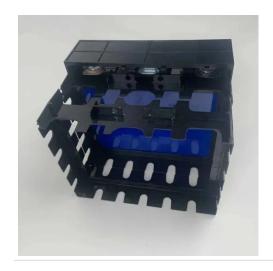


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# Siemens S7-1200 PLC solar tracking controller linked ...

The solar energy resource can be tapped into for rural social upliftment, should a suitable and reliable solar power





generation system be available. With limited ...

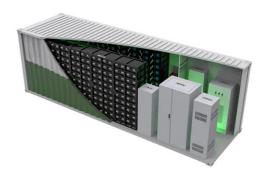
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# Assessment of solar tracking systems: A comprehensive review

Abstract Implementing solar tracking systems is a crucial approach to enhance solar panel efficiency amid the energy crisis and renewable energy transition. This article ...



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# Sun-Tracking System with PLC Control for Photo-Voltaic Panels

Abstract In this study, the electromechanical control system of a photovoltaic (PV) panel tracking the sun on the axis it moves along according to its azimuthal angle was ...

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Solar trackers: everything you need to know



A solar tracker system helps maximize your solar production by following the sun throughout the day. Solar trackers are usually reserved for large-scale ground mounted solar ...

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# PLC Based Solar Tracking System

The circuit and the mechanism explained in this article may be considered as the easiest and perfect dual axis solar tracker system. The device is able to track the daytime motion of the sun ...

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